

CLAIMS

1. An audible confirmation system in an Intelligent Network for allowing a calling party  
2 to audibly hear an audible name of a call recipient, the audible confirmation system  
3 comprising:

- 4 a. a database configured for storing a plurality of text names wherein each of the  
5 plurality of text names is associated with a unique identifier;
- 6 b. a control point coupled to the database and configured to retrieve one of the  
7 plurality of text names in response to a call recipient selected by the calling  
8 party; and
- 9 c. a text to speech converter coupled to the control point and configured to  
0 convert the selected one of the plurality of text names into the audible name.

1. The audible confirmation system according to claim 1 wherein the unique identifier is  
2 a telephone number.

1. The audible confirmation system according to claim 1 wherein the database is a calling  
2 name database.

1. A method of allowing a calling party to audibly identify a call recipient, the method  
2 comprising the following steps:

- 3 a. initiating a call from the calling party directed to an identifier belonging to the  
4 call recipient;
- 5 b. matching the identifier to a text name corresponding to the recipient within a  
6 database;
- 7 c. retrieving the text name of the recipient from the database;

8                   d.     converting the text name of the call recipient to an audible name; and  
9                   e.     audibly playing the audible name of the call recipient to the calling party prior  
10                  to connecting the call.

1       5.     The method according to claim 4 wherein the identifier is a telephone number  
2                  belonging to the call recipient.

1       6.     The method according to claim 4 wherein the database is a name calling database.

1       7.     The method according to claim 4 further comprising automatically re-dialing the call  
2                  recipient if the call cannot be connected.

1       8.     The method according to claim 7 further comprising leaving the call recipient a pre-  
2                  recorded message from the calling party.

1       9.     A method of allowing a calling party to audibly identify a call recipient, wherein the  
2                  method comprising the following steps:

- 3           a.     pre-recording a voice message by the calling party directed toward an identifier  
4                  belonging to the call recipient;
- 5           b.     matching the identifier to a text name corresponding to the call recipient  
6                  wherein the identifier and the text name are stored within a database;
- 7           c.     converting the text name of the call recipient to an audible name; and  
8           d.     audibly playing the audible name of the recipient to the calling party.

1       10.    The method according to claim 9 further comprising audibly delivering the voice  
2                  message to the call recipient subsequent to audibly playing the audible name to the calling  
3                  party.

1       11.   The method according to claim 9 wherein the database is a name calling database.

1       12.   The method according to claim 9 wherein the database contains a plurality of  
2        identifiers and a corresponding plurality of text names.

1       13.   The method according to claim 9 wherein the identifier is a telephone number  
2        belonging to the call recipient.

1       14.   The method according to claim 9 further comprising locating the database which  
2        contains the identifier and the text name belonging to the recipient among a plurality of  
3        databases.